

Committee Meetings

ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRANSMISSION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality concluded hearings on H.R. 3406, Electric Supply and Transmission Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Isaac Hunt, Commissioner, SEC; and public witnesses.

FBI'S HANDLING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS IN BOSTON

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "The FBI's Handling of Confidential Informants in Boston: Will the Justice Department Comply with Congressional Subpoenas?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Horowitz, Chief of Staff, Criminal Division; and Edward Whelan, Principal Deputy, Assistant Attorney General.

DIGITAL MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT ACT SECTION 104 REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property concluded oversight hearings on "The Digital Millennium Copyright Act Section 104 Report." Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 2748, National War Permanent Tribute Historical Database Act; H.R. 3421, Yosemite National Park Educational Facilities Improvement Act; and H.R. 3425, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the "Golden Chain Highway," as a National Heritage Corridor. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dreier, Meek of Florida and Hastings of Florida; Vincent L. Barile, Deputy Under Secretary, Management, National Cemetery Administration, Central Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Mihalic, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY REPARATIONS ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3347, General Aviation Industry Reparations Act of 2001.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ELIGIBILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3423, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility of certain veterans and their dependents for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from John C. Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Department of the Army; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to continue markup of H.R. 3005, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements; and to consider the nomination of Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, the nomination of Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and the nomination of B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury; the nomination of Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and the nomination of Joan E. Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and the nomination of James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and the nomination of Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, both of the Social Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on Battling Bio-terrorism: Why Timely Information-Sharing Between Local, State and Federal Governments is the Key to Protecting Public Health, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, of December 7, 2001, p. D1226)

S. 1459, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed on December 12, 2001. (Public Law 107-80)

S. 1573, to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan. Signed on December 12, 2001. (Public Law 107-81)